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SUBJ: WORLD TOURISM ASSEMBLY SCALE OF ASSESSMENT

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1. SUMMARY. DURING 45-MINUTE DISCUSSION WITH MFA'S NICOLAE DINU (FIRST SECRETARY) AND DUMITRU DEAC (SECOND SECRETARY) ON MAY 24, POLITICAL COUNSELOR FOUND NO FLEXIBILITY WHATSOEVER IN GOR OPPOSITION TO LUSAKA FORMULA IN PRINCIPLE AND LITTLE GOR DISPOSITION TO HAVE INITIATIVE SIDELINED OR TACTICALLY WATERED DOWN, ALTHOUGH DINU LISTENED AMICABLY AND SYMPATHETICALLY TO U.S. CONCERN. END SUMMARY.

2. DINU SAID GOR SUPPORTS ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO STATE OF DEVELOPMENT (AS QUANTIFIED BY NATIONAL INCOME LEVEL) AS "BASIC PRINCIPLE" IN ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WHERE ABILITY TO PAY IS USUALLY GENERAL RULE ANYWAY. IN WTO, DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OUGHT TO CONSIDER OUTLAY UNDER THIS FORMULA AS "SUPPORT" FOR POOR COUNTRIES. AMOUNTS ARE RELATIVELY SMALL IN ANY CASE. LUSAKA FORMULA (IN WHICH HE SAID 50 PERCENT OF ASSESSED TOTAL WOULD BE SPLIT IN "EQUAL SHARES" (SIC), RICH AND POOR ALIKE) IS "UNJUST" AND A "BAD PRECEDENT".

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3. DINU HELD OUT LITTLE HOPE HIS AUTHORITIES COULD BE SWAYED FROM THIS POSITION, ALTHOUGH RESERVING GOR'S FUTUJD ATTITUDE IF LSOAKA FORMULA WERE TO BE VOTED THROUGH. ROMANIAN DELEGATION WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN CONSENSUS IN FAVOR OF IT, EVEN IF LARGE MAJORITY SO EVOLVED, NOR WAS MFA LIKELY TO CONSIDER WITHDRAWING OR SOFT-PEDALING INITIATIVE.

4. HOWEVER, DINU AGREED TO INFORM SUPERIORS ABOUT U.S. CONCERN THAT EQUILIBRIUM MANIFEST IN LUSAKA FORMULA NOT BE UPSET AND SUGGESTED THAT U.S. AND ROMANIAN DELEGATIONS AT WTO OUGHT TO GET IN TOUCH IF THEY HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, BEING ON THE SCENE AND MORE UP-TO-DATE ON PREVAILING TRENDS.
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